

Remarks

The text --over the exposed portion of said silicon layer.-- added at the end of claim 33 in this Response was part of this claim as originally filed, but this portion of text was inadvertently omitted in previous Amendment "C", filed November 30, 2000, and Amendment "B", filed May 25, 2000.

Election

On page 2 of the Office Action, Applicant's pending claims were determined to be directed to a plurality of patentably distinct species identified as follows:

a sidewall spacer made out of an undoped oxide	claims 18-20, 24-30
a sidewall spacer made out of an undoped oxide or Si ₃ N ₄	claims 32, 38, 46
Generic claims	1-10, 12-14, 16-17, 31, 33-37, 40-44, 50-52, 54

A generic claim reads on each one of the identified species. M.P.E.P. § 806.04(d), p. 800-32 (Rev. 1, Feb. 2000).

In response to the Election Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species identified as "a sidewall spacer made out of an undoped oxide" and claims that read on this species. These claims include:

- independent claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-10, and 12;
- independent claim 13, and its dependent claims 14 and 16-17;
- independent claim 18, and its dependent claims 19-20, 24-30;
- independent claim 31, and its dependent claims 33-36;
- independent claim 37, and its dependent claims 40-43;
- independent claim 44; and
- independent claim 50, and its dependent claims 51-52 and 54.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

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